



# Indiana State Excise Police News Release

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## **Indiana State Excise Police Issue 84 Tickets During Welcome Week**

**BLOOMINGTON, Ind.** – Indiana State Excise Police officers issued 84 tickets and 7 warnings during Welcome Week at Indiana University-Bloomington, from Aug. 26 to Aug. 29.

“Excise officers began focusing attention on Welcome Week a few years ago,” Excise Officer Travis Thickstun said. “Since then, excise officers have made significant numbers of arrests the weekend before classes start.”

Excise police issued the following numbers of tickets during IU’s Welcome Week in the past three years:

2006 – 107 summonses

2007 – 181 summonses

2008 – 63 summonses

Most of the summonses excise police issued this weekend were for violations of Indiana’s alcohol laws. Most common were tickets for illegal possession of alcoholic beverages, illegal consumption of alcoholic beverages, possession of false identification, and furnishing alcohol to a minor. Other charges included minor in tavern and possession of a keg without a registration label.

From Aug. 26 – Aug. 29, excise police issued 33 tickets for illegal possession or consumption of an alcoholic beverage. They also confiscated 20 false IDs.

Indiana State Excise Police officers are the enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol & Tobacco Commission. While excise police are empowered to enforce any Indiana law, they focus primarily on alcohol, tobacco, and related violations.